

Technical and Methodological Resources for Researchers

Women's Economic Empowerment and Digital Financial Inclusion (WEE-DiFine) Research Initiative

WEE-DiFine has compiled a short list of highly-regarded open-access resources on conducting rigorous research. This list is designed to serve as a starting point for researchers new to conducting rigorous impact evaluations. Please note that this is by no means an exhaustive list, nor an assertion by WEE-DiFine that these are the best resources available. We also encourage researchers to consult other available resources.

- [Using Randomization in Development Economics Research: A Toolkit](#) by [Esther Duflo](#), [Rachel Glennerster](#), and [Michael Kremer](#) is a “practical guide” on using randomized controlled trials (RCT) in research projects. This chapter addresses why randomization is used, how randomization can be performed, design issues involved in an RCT, and data analysis issues.
- The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) collects the working paper versions of several chapters of the [Handbook of Field Experiments](#). These chapters range from the basics of RCTs to “advances and issues in the field.” We particularly encourage researchers to review the Introduction and Methodology and Practice of RCTs sections. J-PAL’s DigiFI Initiative has also posted courses and webinars [here](#) that we highly encourage researchers to consult.
- [Pamela Jakilea](#) and [Owen Ozier](#) have posted the teaching materials for their co-taught course “Empirical Microeconomics” [here](#). This is an excellent resource to consult for different applied micro-econometric methodologies.
- [Causal Inference: The Mixtape](#) by [Scott Cunningham](#) is a recommended resource for applied micro-econometrics. While the print version of this book is available for purchase, the online version of this book is [publicly accessible](#).
- We also encourage researchers to subscribe to the [World Bank Development Impact](#) blog that regularly publishes blog posts on advances in development economics research.